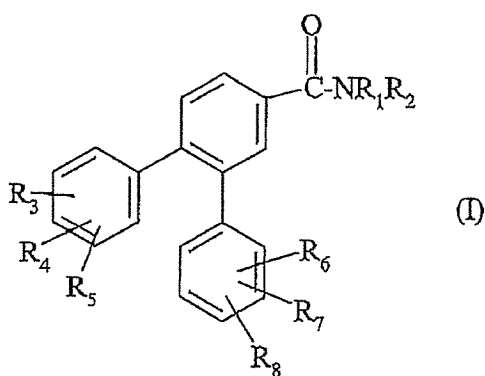


Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims set forth below with amendments as indicated will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ **A compound** of formula **(I)**:



in which:

- R₁ represents hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- R₂ represents:
 - a (C₃-C₇)alkyl group,
 - an indan-1-yl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl group, said groups being unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom **and/or** a methyl group;
 - a saturated, single-nitrogen heterocyclic radical of 5 to 7 atoms, the nitrogen atom being substituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, benzyl, (C₁-C₃)alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)alkanoyl group;
 - a group NR₉R₁₀;
 - a group (CH₂)_nR₁₁, CH(CH₃)R₁₁, (CH₂)_mN(CH₃)R₁₁;
 - a C₃-C₁₂ nonaromatic carbocyclic radical, unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a methyl group;
- or R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form either a piperazin-1-yl radical substituted in position 4 by a phenyl or benzyl

- group, or a piperidin-1-yl radical disubstituted in position 4 by a phenyl or benzyl group and by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₁-C₃)alkanoyl group; the phenyl or benzyl group substituents on the piperazin-1-yl radical or the piperidin-1-yl radical being unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom **and/or** a methyl group;
- R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ represent each independently of one another a hydrogen or halogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or trifluoromethyl group;
 - R₉ and R₁₀ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical of 5 to 10 atoms containing or not containing a second heteroatom selected from O and N, said radical being unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, hydroxyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy group;
 - R₁₁ represents: - a phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from a halogen atom and a methyl group;
~~- a heteroaryl radical of 6 to 10 atoms containing one or more nitrogen atoms;~~
 - n represents 1, 2 or 3; **and**
 - m represents 0, 2 or 3; **or**
- ~~and their salts, their solvates and their hydrates~~ a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.**

2. **(currently amended)** A compound according to claim 1 of formula (I) in which:

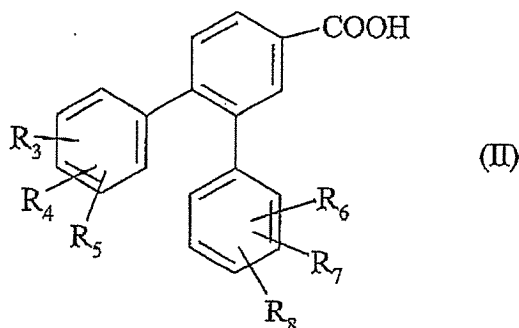
- R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
- R₂ represents a group NR₉R₁₀ or a nonaromatic C₃-C₁₂ carbocyclic radical which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a methyl group;
- R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ represent each independently of one another a hydrogen or halogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or trifluoromethyl group; **and**
- R₉ and R₁₀ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical of 5 to 10 atoms, containing or not containing a second heteroatom selected from O and N, said radical being unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; **or**

~~and their salts, their solvates and their hydrates~~ a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

3. **(currently amended)** A compound according to claim 1 of formula (I) in which:

- R₁ represents a hydrogen atom; ~~and/or~~
- R₂ represents a group selected from piperidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, cyclohexyl, spiro[5.5]undecanyl and 1,3,3-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl; ~~and/or~~
- at least one of the substituents R₃, R₄ and R₅ represents a halogen atom or a trifluoromethyl group; ~~and/or~~
- at least one of the substituents R₆, R₇ and R₈ represents a halogen atom.

4. **(withdrawn)** A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein a functional derivative of terphenylic acid of formula:



in which R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1 is treated with an amine of formula HNR₁R₂ (III) in which R₁ and R₂ are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1.

5. - 7. **(cancelled)**

8. **(previously presented)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

9. **(cancelled)**

10. **(withdrawn)** A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

11. **(currently amended)** A compound according to claim 2 of formula (I) in which:

- R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
- R₂ represents a group NR₉R₁₀ or a nonaromatic C₃-C₁₂ carbocyclic radical which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a methyl group;
- R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ represent each independently of one another a hydrogen or halogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or trifluoromethyl group; **and**
- R₉ and R₁₀ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical of 5 to 10 atoms, containing or not containing a second heteroatom selected from O and N, said radical being unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; **or**

and their salts, their solvates and their hydrates a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

12. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 2 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

13. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 3 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

14. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 11 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

15. - 17. (cancelled)

18. **(withdrawn)** A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

19. **(withdrawn)** A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

20. **(withdrawn)** A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 11.